

ever were before and those that have given cheerfully are richer in grace besides. Let us not be wary in well-doing.

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## Christian Life

### Thy Kingdom Come

Thy kingdom come! From year to year  
Thy waiting church uplift their prayer;  
They in whose hearts Thy grace has wrought  
Breathe forth the cry Thy lips have taught;  
Thy kingdom come! let every knee  
Bow down and own Thy majesty.

Thy will in earth like heaven be done;  
O'er every foe be victory won;  
Till earth and heaven again shall be  
One with each other and with Thee.  
Our Father, let Thy kingdom come!  
Thy will in earth like heaven be done.

Where once beneath wrath's gathering cloud  
Thy sacred head in anguish bowed;  
Where Thou didst bear Thy cross in pain,  
Oh come, in glorious might to reign!  
Rejoice, O earth, and hail your King!  
Ye morning stars, together sing!

Thy kingdom come! from day to day  
Thy loyal church shall ever pray;  
And wait the hour in joyful hope  
When angel hands shall bear them up  
Thy bliss to share, Thy glory see,  
And reign o'er all the earth with Thee.

—H. L. Hastings.

### For The Fullness of Love.

I know, O Lord, that Thou hast commanded me and, therefore, it is my duty to love Thee with all my heart and with all my strength. I know Thou art infinitely holy and overflowing in all perfection; and, therefore it is my duty so to love Thee.

I know Thou hast created me, and that I have neither being nor blessing but what is the effect of Thy power and goodness. I know Thou art the end for which I was created, and that I can expect no happiness but in Thee. I know that in love to me, being lost in sin Thou didst send Thy only Son, the Lord of glory, didst humble Himself to the death upon the cross, that I might be raised to glory.

I know Thou hast provided me with all necessary helps for carrying me through this life to that eternal glory, and this out of the excess of Thy pure mercy to me, unworthy of all mercies. I know Thou hast promised to be Thyself my "exceeding great reward;" though it is Thou "workest in me, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure."

Upon these and many other titles I confess it is my duty to love Thee, my God, with all my heart. Give Thy strength unto Thy servant, that Thy love may fill my heart and be the motive of all the use I make of my understanding, my affections, my senses, my health, my time, and whatever other talents I have received from Thee. Let this, O God, rule my heart without a rival; let it dispose all my thoughts, words, and works; and thus only can I fulfill my duty and Thy

command, of loving Thee "with all my heart and mind and soul and strength."

O Thou infinite goodness, confirm Thy past mercies to me, by enabling me, for what remains of my life, to be more faithful than I have hitherto been to this Thy great command. For the time I have yet to sojourn upon earth. O let me fulfill this great duty.

Permit me not to be in any delusion here let me not trust in words or signs or tears, but love Thee even as Thou hast commanded. Let me feel, and then I shall know, what it is to love Thee with all my heart.—  
John Wesley.

### A Cure For Spiritual Poverty.

The British Weekly offers this cure for spiritual poverty.

The poverty of modern Christian life will never be cured until a far greater portion of time, until a far greater earnestness, is put into the hard and happy work of praying. It is instructive to read in the life of Frederick Maurice how he would often be engaged in prayer all the night through; and if everything were known, it would be found that all Christians who have made a deep mark have sought and found the Lord in a like manner. To live in the atmosphere of prayer is to live in the atmosphere of miracle in the atmosphere of the New Testament and it is in this way, and in this way only, that faith in the divine manifestation is kept alive and burning. When the strength, the joy, the peace, and the power of the Christian Church are unimpaired, it is because her ministers and her people are proving that through Christ we have access in one Spirit to the father, and confessing that Jesus is Lord in the Holy Ghost. Then there is no complaint of failures to attend Christian worship. There is a longing even on the part of those outside to touch the hands of those who have walked with the Most High. The brethren are able to speak to one another of what the Lord has delivered unto them, of their comprehension of the supernatural revelation. They shine with the divine splendor which fills each star, one star differing from another in glory. The Holy Ghost comes upon them, and the power of the Highest overshadows them. So confessing with their mouths the Lord Jesus, and believing in their hearts that God has raised Him from the dead, they are saved.

### The Fatal Sleep

There is a very striking and practical illustration in the following from D. L. Moody: Some time ago a vessel had been off on a whaling voyage, and had been gone about three years. The father of one of the sailors had charge of the lighthouse, and he was expecting his boy to come home. It was time for the whaling vessel to return.

One night there came up a terrible gale. This father fell asleep, and while he slept his light went out. When he awoke he looked toward the shore and saw a vessel had been wrecked. He at once went to see if he

could not yet save some one who might be still alive. The first body that came floating toward the shore was, to his great grief and surprise, the body of his own boy! He had been watching for that boy for many days. Now the boy had at last come in sight of home, and had perished because his father had let his light go out!

I thought, what an illustration of fathers and mothers today that have let their lights go out! You are not training your children for God and eternity. You do not live as though they were anything beyond this life at all. You keep your affections set upon things on the earth instead of on things above, and the result is that the children do not believe that there is anything in Christianity. Perhaps the very next step they take may take them into eternity; the next day they may die without God and without hope.

## Among the Churches

### Dayton, Ohio.

Church work is still moving in this city as usual. While there is nothing of special importance to report yet we feel that we are growing continually. Our aim thus far has been to get the members, we already have, work, and I am sure that we have at least partially succeeded. I am sure that any one who has attended our services for six months will certify to this truth. Our prayer meetings are well attended and very helpful.

Brother and sister Clum of Parsons, Kansas, paid us a very pleasant visit recently and left one dollar with us for our church fund. These good people called us and manifested their interest in the Dayton work. It is very gratifying to see that our people, although from the far west, are still interested in the Dayton Mission.

I think the day will come when the Brethren church will change their minds about this work.

I hope the churches of Ohio will liberally and cheerfully respond to the call of the treasurer of the O. H. M. B., and that the treasury may speedily be replenished.

Brethren, while we are talking *Foreign Missions* let us not forget our missions at home.

*Winchester.* At this place the work is growing very nicely. Last Sunday evening two sisters, both heads of families were baptized. On account of the car on the traction line being wrecked the pastor was late and the baptizing took place after dark yet on account of the moon being in her full glory the scene is described as having been most beautiful. The water was perfectly placid, the decent gradual and the applicants fully consecrated to the service, calling on the Most High, as we entered the stream; the congregation on the shore singing His praises, made the whole scene so impressive that it will, perhaps, never be forgotten. Others have told us that they are coming and thus the goodness of God is continually being demonstrated toward us. Praise his holy name.

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### Iowa Notes

*Enon.* Bro. C. F. Yoder arrived here Sept. 3rd and began meetings. He could remain with us only the days, but we had an all day meeting Sept. 8, and held two meetings a day the last three days he was here. If he could have stayed several weeks I feel sure that many more would have decided for Christ. As it was, three young women came out and I baptized them in the river at Murphy's last Sunday. There were several others who were almost persuaded, who I trust will yet join. Bad weather interfered somewhat with the attendance.